

1           6-15-3204. Rules.

2           The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules as necessary to  
3 implement and administer this subchapter.

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5           SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 6-16-120 is amended to read as follows:

6           6-16-120. Academic credit for community service.

7           (a) Beginning with the 1996-1997 school year and ending with the  
8 graduating class of 2025-2026, a student who has completed a minimum of  
9 seventy-five (75) clock hours of documented community service in grades nine  
10 through twelve (9-12), as certified by the service agency or organization to  
11 the school, shall be eligible to receive one (1) academic credit that may be  
12 applied toward graduation.

13           (b) The community service shall be in programs or activities approved  
14 by the State Board of Education and the local school district board of  
15 directors and shall include preparation, action, and reflection components  
16 that may occur in or out of school campuses and during or after school hours.

17           (c) A local school district board of directors may grant a waiver of  
18 this requirement for an individual student with notice to the state board.

19           (d) The state board ~~is hereby authorized to~~ may promulgate rules  
20 necessary for the implementation of this section.

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22           SECTION 16. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is  
23 amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

24           6-16-156. Indoctrination.

25           (a)(1) The Secretary of the Department of Education shall take  
26 established steps to ensure that the Department of Education, its employees,  
27 contractors, guest speakers, and lecturers are in compliance with Title IV  
28 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352.

29           (2) Steps required under subdivision (a)(1) of this section  
30 shall include the review of the rules, policies, materials, and  
31 communications of the Department of Education to identify any items that may,  
32 purposely or otherwise, promote teaching that would indoctrinate students  
33 with ideologies, such as Critical Race Theory, otherwise known as "CRT", that  
34 conflict with the principle of equal protection under the law or encourage  
35 students to discriminate against someone based on the individual's color,  
36 creed, race, ethnicity, sex, age, marital status, familial status,

1 disability, religion, national origin, or any other characteristic protected  
2 by federal or state law.

3 (3) The secretary shall amend, annul, or alter the rules,  
4 policies, materials, or communications that are considered prohibited  
5 indoctrination and that conflict with the principle of equal protection under  
6 the law.

7 (b) As used in this section, "prohibited indoctrination" means  
8 communication by a public school employee, public school representative, or  
9 guest speaker that compels a person to adopt, affirm, or profess an idea in  
10 violation of Title IV and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L.  
11 No. 88-352, including that:

12 (1) People of one color, creed, race, ethnicity, sex, age,  
13 marital status, familial status, disability status, religion, national  
14 origin, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law are  
15 inherently superior or inferior to people of another color, creed, race,  
16 ethnicity, sex, age, marital status, familial status, disability status,  
17 religion, national origin, or any other characteristic protected by federal  
18 or state law; or

19 (2) An individual should be discriminated against or receive  
20 adverse treatment solely or partly because of the individual's color, creed,  
21 race, ethnicity, sex, age, marital status, familial status, disability  
22 status, religion, national origin, or any other characteristic protected by  
23 federal or state law.

24 (c) This section does not prohibit the discussion of:

25 (1) Ideas and the history of the concepts described in  
26 subsection (b) of this section; or

27 (2) Public policy issues of the day and related ideas that  
28 individuals may find unwelcome, disagreeable, or offensive.

29 (d) As it relates to employees, contractors, and guest speakers or  
30 lecturers of the department, the secretary shall review and enhance the  
31 policies that prevent prohibited indoctrination, including Critical Race  
32 Theory.

33 (e) The secretary shall ensure that no public school employee or  
34 public school student shall be required to attend trainings or orientations  
35 based on prohibited indoctrination or Critical Race Theory.

36 (f) The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to implement

1 this section.

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3 6-16-157. Child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention –  
4 Instruction required.

5 (a) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

6 (1)(A) Enhance or adapt curriculum materials to assist public  
7 school personnel in providing instruction through a multidisciplinary  
8 approach on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of child  
9 sexual abuse and human trafficking.

10 (B) The curriculum materials developed under subdivision  
11 (a)(1)(A) of this section shall be:

12 (i) Geared toward a sequential program of  
13 instruction from kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12); and

14 (ii) Include strategies for utilizing the curriculum  
15 in schools; and

16 (2) Ensure that curriculum materials developed under subdivision  
17 (a)(1)(A) of this section are incorporated into the Health and Safety and  
18 Physical Education Standards developed by the Department of Education in an  
19 age-appropriate manner.

20 (b) Each public school district and open-enrollment charter school  
21 shall:

22 (1) Implement a child sexual abuse and human trafficking  
23 prevention program that meets the standards and requirements established by  
24 the division;

25 (2) Provide training for teachers employed by the public school  
26 district or open-enrollment public charter school on child sexual abuse and  
27 assault and human trafficking;

28 (A) Awareness;

29 (B) Reporting requirements; and

30 (C) Prevention;

31 (3) Notify parents, legal guardians, and persons standing in  
32 loco parentis to a student when child sexual abuse and assault and human  
33 trafficking prevention education shall occur in the public school district or  
34 open-enrollment public charter school;

35 (4) Allow parents, legal guardians, and persons standing in loco  
36 parentis to a student to preview curriculum materials before classroom

1 instruction; and

2 (5) Allow parents, legal guardians, and persons standing in loco  
3 parentis to a student to exempt their child from the child sexual abuse and  
4 assault and human trafficking prevention program.

5 (c) Before grade five (5), a public school teacher shall not provide  
6 classroom instruction on the following topics:

7 (1) Sexually explicit materials;

8 (2) Sexual reproduction;

9 (3) Sexual intercourse;

10 (4) Gender identity; or

11 (5) Sexual orientation.

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13 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1403(b), concerning definitions and  
14 approved provider lists under the Digital Learning Act of 2013, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (b) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall annually+

17 ~~(1) Publish~~ publish a list of approved ~~digital learning course~~  
18 choice providers that offer digital learning services; ~~and~~

19 ~~(2) Provide a copy of the list of approved digital learning~~  
20 ~~providers to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on~~  
21 ~~Education no later than June 1 each year.~~

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23 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code §§ 6-16-1404 and 6-16-1405 are repealed.

24 ~~6-16-1404. Digital learning environment.~~

25 ~~A digital learning environment shall be composed of:~~

26 ~~(1) Access to quality digital learning content and online~~  
27 ~~blended learning courses;~~

28 ~~(2) Tailored digital content designed to meet the needs of each~~  
29 ~~student;~~

30 ~~(3) Digital learning content that meets or exceeds the~~  
31 ~~curriculum standards and requirements adopted by the State Board of Education~~  
32 ~~and that is capable of being assessed and measured through standardized tests~~  
33 ~~or local assessments; and~~

34 ~~(4) Infrastructure that is sufficient to handle and facilitate a~~  
35 ~~quality digital learning environment.~~

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